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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency
SUBJECT: Evaluation of FBIS Saigon Operation (U)

1. With reference to your Memorandum, 28 March 1956, subject as above, the following comments are submitted:

2. Of the present operations of the Saigon Bureau of FBIS, the following have in the past proved most useful to this office:

- a. South Vietnamese Armed Forces transmissions in Vietnamese.
- b. Hanoi broadcasts in French and Vietnamese.
- c. Backstop of FBIS Okinawa coverage of Hanoi press transmissions and radio broadcasts.
- d. Press scrutiny of the three principal DRV newspapers.

3. The other operations have had only marginal or occasional value to this office, and if partial cutbacks were to be necessary in the interests of economy, it is felt that these other operations could best be eliminated. However, the four operations cited above have proved of considerable value in the past. As is commonly known throughout the intelligence community, information on the DRV, of whatever quality, is now quite difficult to obtain. Accordingly, ACSI strongly recommends that the present coverage of DRV output be maintained at its present level.

ARMY review completed.

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